

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO AMEND AGREEMENTS WITH ST. JOSEPH CENTER AND
OCEAN PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
(THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES))**

SUBJECT

Request approval to amend two existing Department of Mental Health Legal Entity agreements to provide additional housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable and chronically homeless mentally ill individuals living on the streets of Venice and Santa Monica.

REQUEST

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, to the existing Department of Mental Health (DMH) Legal Entity (LE) agreement with St. Joseph Center (St. Joseph) to provide additional housing and supportive services for mentally ill individuals residing in Venice through the St. Joseph's Venice Chronic Homeless Intervention Project (VCHIP). The amendment will be effective upon your Board's approval and add \$188,966 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-12, increasing the Maximum Contract Amount (MCA) to \$1,079,151, and to add \$341,734 for FY 2012-13, increasing the MCA to \$1,083,555.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, to the existing DMH LE agreement with Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) to provide additional residential mental health services to the most vulnerable, chronically homeless adults residing in Santa Monica. The amendment will be effective upon your Board's approval and add \$27,840, increasing the MCA for FY 2011-12 to \$537,344.
3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE agreements and establish as a new MCA, the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments; and to further amend these LE agreements as necessary, including providing time extensions if funding is available provided that: 1) the County's total payments to the contract providers for each fiscal year will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the Board approved MCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendment; 5) the County and Contractors, may by written amendment, reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and

6) the Director, or his designee, notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

On November 18, 2011, DMH amended St. Joseph and OPCC's agreements to increase their MCAs up to the previously approved 20 percent delegated authority to provide partial funding to allow the agencies to provide services for additional 50 of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless mentally ill individuals living on the streets in Venice and Santa Monica. Board approval of these requested actions will allow DMH to further amend its LE agreements with St. Joseph and OPCC for the remainder of funding needed for housing and supportive services for these homeless individuals.

BACKGROUND

Through Amendment No. 1, DMH amended St. Joseph's agreement to increase its MCA up to the previously approved 20 percent delegated authority to provide partial funding to allow the agency to provide services to additional homeless individuals. DMH proposes to further amend the agreement with St. Joseph's for the remainder of funding needed.

Through Amendment No. 1, DMH amended OPCC's agreement to increase its MCA up to the previously approved 20 percent delegated authority to provide partial funding to allow the agency to provide residential mental health services to the most vulnerable, chronically homeless adults residing in Santa Monica. DMH proposes to further amend the agreement with OPCC for the remainder of funding needed.

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